

A FEW ABORTION STATISTICS FOR THE U.S.A., 2002¹ & 2003²

(Extracted from latest available Centers for Disease Control and Prevention compilation of abortions reported for each year, as released November 24, 2006)

	2002	2003
<u>Total abortions reported:</u>	1,123,845¹	1,116,562¹
Per 1,000 live births ³	246	241
Percent of conceived	19.7%	19.4 %
 <u>Mother's age in years:</u>		
<= 19	17.5 %	17.4 %
20-24	33.4 %	33.5 %
>= 25	49.1 %	49.1 %
 <u>Mother's marital status:</u>		
married	18.1 %	17.9 %
unmarried	81.9	82.1 %
 <u>Previous live births:</u>		
0	40.0 %	40.2 %
1	27.3 %	27.1 %
2	20.2 %	20.1 %
>= 3	12.5 %	12.6 %
 <u>Method of abortion:</u>		
Suction curettage:	90.0 % (1,011,460)	88.3 % (985,924)
Sharp curettage:	2.4 % (26,972)	1.7 % (18,981)
Other:	7.6 % (85,412)	9.1 % (101,607)
[Non-surgical	4.0 % (45,008)⁴	5.0 % (55,408)⁵
 <u>Aborted baby's age in weeks:¹</u>		
<= 8	60.5 % (679,926)	60.5 % (675,520)
9-12	28.0 % (314,677)	27.7 % (309,288)
13-20	10.1 % (113,508)	10.4 % (116,122)
>=21	1.4 % (15,734)	1.4 % (15,632)
 <u>Maternal deaths</u> (1972-2002 total = 486)		
	9	n.a.

¹ Statistically adjusted to correct for refusal/failure of AK, CA & NH to report the number of abortions performed during 1999-2002. These states totaled a mean of 24% of all U.S. abortions performed during each of their last 3 reporting years, 1995-1997. In 2001, the adjusted figure reported was 1,123,006 or 246 per 1,000 live births (19.7% of conceived).

² Statistically adjusted to correct for refusal/failure of CA, NH & WVA to report number of abortions performed during 2003 (cf¹). WVA accounted for a mean of 0.21% of abortions performed during 2000-2002. AK had accounted for a mean of 0.16% of abortions from 1995-1997.

³ Overall mean (excluding AK, CA & NH, or CA, NH & WVA, in 2002 and 2003, respectively). Corresponding values for racial groups (adequately reporting states): 2002 – White, 164/1000 births (14.1% of conceived); Black, 495/1000 (33.1%); Other, 357/1000 (26.3%) [Hispanic, 233/1,000 (18.9%)]. 2003 – White, 165/1000 (14.2%); Black, 491/1000 (32.9%); Other, 347/1000 (25.8%) [Hispanic, 228/1000 (18.6%)]

⁴ Denominator of 854,122, the total in 2002 from reporting states, i.e. excluding AK, CA, NH. (Total for 2001 was 20,093 or 2.7%)

⁵ Denominator of 848,163, the total in 2003 from reporting states, i.e. excluding CA, NH, WVA.